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IWU Financial Aid Officer Lynn Nicholson Honored

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Lynn Nicholson, director of financial aid at Illinois Wesleyan University, is the 2002 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the College Board Midwestern Regional Assembly.

The award, presented to Nicholson during the assembly's annual conference in Chicago last month, is in recognition of exemplary contributions to, and achievements in, professional activities in the Midwestern region.

Nicholson has been director of financial aid at Illinois Wesleyan since 1963 and is a national leader in the field of student financial aid. He has served on the U.S. Department of Education's Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Loan Issues in 1999. He has been vice president for private colleges and treasurer of the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, has chaired the College Board's Midwest Regional Assembly, and is a member of both the Midwest and the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He has also worked with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission on various committees.

The College Board is a national, nonprofit membership association dedicated to preparing, inspiring, and connecting students to college and opportunity.

Nicholson states, "To me, the College Board is about helping students get ready for college while helping parents prepare for financing their children's education. Its primary purpose over the past hundred years has been to expand the possibility of going to college to those who otherwise might not have decided to pursue their education beyond high school.

Certainly, the College Board has worked hard to convince Congress that students deserve our country's support financially to help them earn a degree. I'm grateful the College Board membership gave me the opportunity to work with so many people who want to see hard-working students make a success of their lives."